**Expressing the Movement of a Line**

***Verbs                                     Nouns***  ***Adjectives***  ***Adverbs***

rise (to)     rise                            dramatic                                dramatically

increase (to)                           an increase                sharp                                     sharply

go up (to)                                                                    huge                                      hugely

grow (to)                                growth                           steep                                      steeply

climb (to)                               a climb                          substantial                             substantially

boom                                    a boom                          considerable                          considerably

peak (at) (reach)                   a peak (at)                     significant                             significantly

fall (to)                                   a fall (of)                       marked                                   markedly

decline (to)                             a decline (of)                 moderate                               moderately

decrease (to)                          a decrease (of)              slight                                      slightly

dip (to)                                   a dip (of)                       small

drop (to)                                 a drop (of)                    minimal                                  minimally

go down (to)

reduce (to)                             a reduction (of)

a slump

level out                                 a leveling out

no change                             no change

remain stable (at)

remain steady (at)

stay (at)

stay constant (at)

maintain the same level

**Describing the Speed of a Change**

***Adjectives           Adverbs***

rapid                    rapidly

quick                   quickly

swift                    swiftly

sudden                suddenly

steady                  steadily

gradual                gradually

slow                     slowly

**INCREASE**

**a., small or slow upward movement:**

* to rise
* to grow
* to improve
* to increase of noun / by verb
* to climb
* to get better
* to show some signs of growth
* to advance
* to firm
* to be firm
* to be firmer
* to gain
* to be a little stronger
* to be slightly stronger

**b., large upward movement:**

* to jump
* to leap
* to rocket
* to shoot up
* to skyrocket
* to soar
* to strengthen
* to surge
* to take off
* to escalate
* There’s been an upsurge of interest in X.

**DECREASE**

**a., small or slow downward movement**

* to fall
* to lose ground slightly
* to decrease
* to decline
* to drop
* to deteriorate
* to get worse
* to dip
* to drift down
* to weaken
* to slip or slip back
* to be or come under pressure
* to lower
* to slide
* to ease

**b., large downward movement**

* to crash
* to sink
* to plummet
* to dive
* to drop
* to slump
* to fall sharply
* to go south
* to collapse
* to go or fall through the floor
* to plunge
* to rake a plunge
* to suffer a drop or a setback
* to take a beating or a knock
* to tumble
* to rake a tumble
* There’s been a dramatic downturn.

**OTHER TRENDS**

**a., upward movement following previous downward movement:**

* to stage a comeback / recovery
* to rebound
* to recover
* to revive
* to rally
* to pick up
* to bounce back

**b., to reach the lowest point**

* to hit bottom
* to bottom out (at)
* to reach a low point
* to hit an all-time low

**c., to reach the highest point**

* to peak at
* to top out
* to reach a peak
* to reach a maximum

**d., no change:**

* to stagnate
* to remain stable
* to stabilize
* to maintain the same level
* to stand / stay at sw
* to remain constant
* to level off
* to flatten out
* to hold steady
* There hasn’t been much movement in X.

**e., to go up and down continuously**

* to fluctuate
* to be volatile